one in Cochin, are facing the problem of capacity utilisation, since bread manufacturing is reserved for small scale industries sector;

(b) whether the Modern Food Industries still comes under the small scale sector, after enhancement of the limit of SSI sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Company was not allowed to open a new plant; and

(d) if so, by when Government would exempt the Company from small scale sector, so that the same could open a plant and undertake diversification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Modern Food Industries (I) Limited was never a small scale sector Company nor does it come under the purview of small scale sector at present.

(c) As bread manufacturing is reserved for the small scale sector, no new bakery plant could have been set up by Modern Food Industries (I) Limited.

(d) Manufacturing of bread continues to be reserved for the small scale sector. However, the Company is also producing energy Food, nutro-biscuits, etc. for the nutrition support programmes of some State Governments under their diversification programme.

Fresh proposal to solve Jammu and Kashmir Issue

2735. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has sent a fresh proposal to solve the Kashmir Issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) No specific proposals have been received from the Chief Minsiter of J & K to solve the Kashmir issue.

Normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir

2736. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether complete normalcy has returned to Jammu and Kashmir, following installation of elected Government in the State;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have proposed any fresh package for all round development of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Following the elections and assumption of office by a new Government in Jammu and Kashmir there has been further improvement in the overall situation in the State. The Government, both at the Centre and State level, are taking all necessary measures, on a continuing basis, to see that complete and abiding peace and normalcy can be brought about in the State at the earliest.

(c) and (d) The Centre and the State are making joint and concerted efforts to accelerate economic and developmental activity in Jammu and Kashmir. Following upon the announcements made by the Prime Minister earlier in the Parliament on 23-7-96 and 2-8-96, several other announcements have been made during his recent visits to the State in

February and March, 1997. *Inter-alia* these include that: the State would be enabled to have a resonable outlay in the 9th Five Year Plan; the Annual Plan for 1997-98 has been enhanced from current year's Rs. 1250 crores to Rs. 1550 crores; Central support would be provided to restore infrastructure damaged due to the militancy in the State *Inter-alia* by enhancement of the outlays under the Rural Development and Basic Minimum Services Programmes; more towns in the State would be brought under the Prime Minsiter's Integrated Poverty Eradication Programme; Special funding mechanisms, including external assistance, would be evolved for implementation of projects for protection and development of the Dal and other important lakes, flood control and improvement of the navigation and environmental aspects of the Jhelum on the lines of the Ganga Action Plan; transportation of fertilizers in the State would be subsidised; allocation of power to the State would be increased from 600 MW to 876 MW, including use by the State of the full power generated by Uri Phase-I; and steps would be taken to upgrade and strengthen the NH-1A in the vulnerable stretches.

Anti-India preachings in Madarasas in Kashmir

2737. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the anti-India preachings continuing unabatedly in Madarasas in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of some reports of schools run under the parronage of certain secessionist/militant organisations such as Jamaat-e-Islami, etc. with the aim of indoctrination of the youth in the State. The State Government has been regularly sensitized in the matter and substained pressure is being maintained on such organisations to contain their anti-national activities. Efforts are also being made to reactivate and improve the functioning of the regular educational institutions, which would also *inter-alia* wean away children from the influence of such organisations.

ISI Plans to create chaos in Kashmir

2738. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic Times dated the 3rd February, 1997, under the caption 'ISI plans to create chaos in Kashmir'; if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) whether Government have finalised any plan for elimination of ISI activities from Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the news-item. It is a fact that the Pakistan ISI has been continuously engaged in sponsoring, fuelling, aiding and abetting terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir. With the successful conduct of the elections and the restoration of a democratic Government in the State, the ISI through its protege terrorist groups, has been trying desperately to keep up violence and vitiate the environment in the State, through attacks on soft targets, indiscriminate use of explosive devices, without regard of lives of innocent civilians, efforts to enforce 'bandhs' and